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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached 1449 form.

With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicants submit the following remarks:

1. DE 23 59 399 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 4,003,699, submitted herewith.
2. DE 38 43 892 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,061,289, submitted herewith.
3. DE 41 33 957 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,380,340, submitted herewith.
4. DE 195 43 988 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,766,576, submitted herewith.
5. EP 0 770 375 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
6. FR 2 586 913 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 4,823,985, submitted herewith.
7. FR 2 733 749 - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,099,592, submitted herewith.
8. FR 2 801 308 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
9. JP 2-19576 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.

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10. JP 5-163124 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
11. JP 11-158048 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
12. WO 94/08969 - An English language abstract of this foreign language document can be found on the title page of this document.
13. WO 94/08970 - An English language abstract of this foreign language document can be found on the title page of this document.
14. WO 96/15765 - An English language abstract of this foreign language document can be found on the title page of this document.
15. WO 01/68043 - An English language abstract of this foreign language document can be found on the title page of this document.

Applicants have enclosed a copy of the priority application's French Search Report for the Examiner's consideration.

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